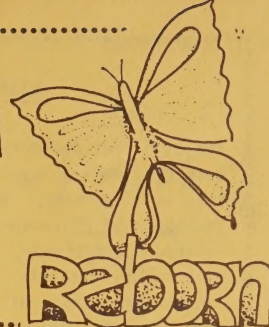


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1. MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX \$2481.79
2. All God's Children MCC....Minneapolis, MN 1358.24
3. MCC of the Resurrection.....Houston, TX 1327.91
4. MCC San Diego.....San Diego, CA 1319.33
5. MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA 1208.46
6. Church/Holy Spirit.....Ft. Lauderdale, FL 1174.90
7. MCC in the Valley.....N. Hollywood, CA 1005.02
8. MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA 996.61
9. MCC Washington DC.....Washington, DC 927.69
10. MCC of the Rockies.....Denver, CO 757.21
11. King of Peace MCC.....St. Petersburg, FL 693.09
12. St. Luke's MCC.....Jacksonville, FL 679.05
13. River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA 631.85
14. MCC Greater St. Louis.....St. Louis, MO 599.16
15. MCC of Pomona Valley.....Ontario, CA 524.85
16. Holy Covenant MCC.....Hinsdale, IL 502.92
17. MCC Portland.....Portland, OR 492.95
18. MCC Detroit.....Detroit, MI 477.64
19. Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA 470.88
20. MCC Key West.....Key West, FL 459.65

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1. MCC of the Tri-Cities....Johnson City, TN 36.37
2. Whitewater Valley MCC.....Richmond, IN 25.05
3. Maranatha MCC.....Hayward, CA 23.15
4. MCC Rockville.....Rockville, MD 22.23
5. Good Samaritan MCC.....Whittier, CA 21.54
6. Trinity MCC.....New York City, NY 20.47
7. Good News MCC.....Lakeland, FL 20.32
8. MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA 20.13
9. MCC Apostles of God.....Sierra Vista, AZ 20.05
10. Good Shepherd MCC.....Riverside, CA 19.55
11. MCC Midland/Odessa.....Midland, TX 19.32
12. MCC Baton Rouge.....Baton Rouge, LA 18.62
13. Emmanuel MCC.....Spokane, WA 18.47
14. Johnson County MCC.....Lenexa, KS 18.08
15. New Covenant MCC.....Anaheim, CA 17.52
16. MCC Key West.....Key West, FL 17.48
17. MCC of the Desert.....Cathedral Cty, CA 17.14
18. Holy Covenant MCC.....Hinsdale, IL 16.44
19. Redeemer MCC of Flint.....Flint, MI 16.09
20. MCC Washington.....Washington, DC 15.72

PRaises

Praise God, Rev. Jeffrey Pulling (Office of Ministry Resources, UFMCC), has been invited by the Religious Education Association of the U.S. and Canada to lead a workshop at this association's biennial conference in November of 1987 in Toronto. The workshop will focus on "Faith Development Among Gay/Lesbian People". KIT readers who have any suggestions or ideas for Dr. Pulling for this workshop are urged to contact him.

PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Antonio David, the son of Rev. Bernardo David from ICM Nogales, who has been diagnosed with aids and is quite ill.

Continued prayers are requested for Mom Perry as she is still quite ill and also for Papa John Hose who is recovering in the hospital.

CHURCH DEDICATION

Metropolitan Community Church Key West will be dedicating their newly renovated church building Sunday, April 26, 1987. The Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey will be officiating. Activities are scheduled for the entire weekend and all are invited and welcome to celebrate with us on this very special weekend. The church is located at 1215 Petronia St., Key West, FL. For more information, please contact Rev. Steven Torrence at MCC Key West (305) 294-8912.

GENERAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

The excitement keeps building for General Conference XIII in Miami Beach this summer. The Deauville Resort Hotel has been completely redecorated this winter and the pool and beaches are just waiting for our arrival. Many new workshops and activities have been planned for the Non-Delegates including a private reception with entertainment. Delegates will find the atmosphere conducive to both business and relaxation. Come and join our family for a great spiritual uplifting and plain old-fashioned good fun as "Perfect Love Casts Out All Fear" in Miami Beach, July 19-26th.

EASTER

AIDS MEMORIAL

The Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City is the home of a memorial to all those who have died of AIDS. The memorial is a book in which the names of those who have died of AIDS, or of AIDS-related conditions, have been inscribed. In conjunction with the memorial book, a fund has been established, 85% of which is dedicated to AIDS research and services. Requests for the inscription of names in the memorial book does not require a contribution to the fund. Persons wishing to inscribe the name of a deceased person in the memorial book and/or contribute to the fund should write to: AIDS Memorial, The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10025. Checks should be made payable to "The Cathedral AIDS Memorial Fund."

GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Fourth General Council of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches met in Los Angeles March 17-22, 1987. They finished a complete restructuring of the Clergy Credentialing process and received with regret the resignation of Elder Michael Mank. In intensive meetings of members of the Executive Committee of the Clergy Credential and Concerns Committee, the Rev. Sherre Boothman of Samaritan College, and the General Council's Subcommittee of the Credentialing Process, a consensus was developed between two different new proposals and the existing system. The new CCCC structure is more simple and manageable and is already being implemented. In other business, the General Council:

- * Approved the Elders' appointment of the Rev. Don Eastman as treasurer. A new Elder will be elected at the 1987 General Conference to fill Elder Michael Mank's unexpired term.
- * Allocated an additional \$5,000 from the estate of the Rev. Virgil Scott to continue the investigation into his murder.
- * Approved a proposed budget of \$909,605 for 1988 and a budget of \$960,443 for 1989 for presentation to the General Conference.
- * Approved a Capital Drive Campaign and Development Office plan for the Fellowship.
- * Approved the 1985-86 financial statement for submission to General Conference.
- * Chartered MCC of Northern Virginia; MCC New Haven, CT; MCC Baton Rouge, LA; St. Mary's MCC, Greensboro, NC; All Saints MCC, Atlanta, GA; and MCC of the Rock, Little Rock, AR.
- * Approved the Samaritan College By-laws and named Rev. Sherre Boothman as President. Appointed two members to Board of Trustee: Jim Voltz, Treas., Gary McClelland Chair.

The General Council will be meeting in Washington in October in conjunction with the Lesbian/Gay March on Washington so that the governing board of our Fellowship can participate in this historic event.



SAMARITAN COLLEGE

Samaritan College is celebrating the 1987 Commencement on June 5, 1987 at MCC Long Beach at 7:30 PM. We are pleased to announce the following resolution that was passed unanimously by the newly appointed executive committee of the Board of Trustees of Samaritan College:

RESOLUTION: The Reverend Jeffrey Pulling has faithfully served the educational ministries of the UFMCC since 1975. He has served as Dean of Samaritan College, as Director of the Samaritan Resource Center, and as Dean of Samaritan Extended Studies. Rev. Pulling currently serves Samaritan College as Chair of the Department of Correspondence Courses. Throughout his twelve years of faithful ministry, Rev. Pulling has served several UFMCC agencies as an educational consultant including the Faith, Fellowship and Order Commission, the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee, and numerous Districts, and local MCC congregations. We, the Samaritan College Board of Trustees, in recognition of his exceptional service to God's people through the educational ministries of UFMCC, direct Samaritan College to bestow upon the Rev. Jeffrey Pulling, in accordance with the state education code of California, on the fifth day of June of nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, the degree of Honorary Doctorate of Ministries.

Please send letters of congratulations to: Samaritan College, Attn: Rev. Sherre Boothman, 3327 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004. These letters will be presented to Rev. Pulling at Commencement.

FREE RESOURCE LIST FOR GAY COUPLES

PARTNERS, a newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples out of Seattle, WA is offering a free annotated list of "Resources for Gay & Lesbian Couples". The list contains information on social, political and support groups around the country who serve gay and lesbian couples. Books and audio-visual materials are also listed. To receive a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to: PARTNERS, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. PARTNERS, is an eight-page monthly containing features, interviews, news, media reviews, and articles by readers and professionals. According to publishers Stevie Bryant and Demian, "PARTNERS provides practical information and ideas couples can use to develop satisfying and successful relationships." PARTNERS is available by subscription only for \$36 per year.

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1. MCC Dallas.....	Dallas, TX	\$2,063.08
2. MCC of the Resurrection.....	Houston, TX	1,488.27
3. MCC San Diego.....	San Diego, CA	1,232.81
4. All God's Children MCC.....	Minneapolis, MN	1,125.79
5. MCC in the Valley.....	N Hollywood, CA	1,046.93
6. MCC Long Beach.....	Long Beach, CA	1,042.80
7. MCC Washington DC.....	Washington, DC	901.63
8. MCC Los Angeles.....	Los Angeles, CA	899.67
9. MCC of Greater Kansas City.....	Kansas City, MO	849.94
10. MCC of Greater St. Louis.....	St Louis, MO	711.20
11. MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	674.05
12. St. Luke's MCC.....	Jacksonville, FL	657.55
13. MCC San Francisco.....	San Francisco, CA	642.89
14. King of Peace MCC.....	St Petersburg, FL	639.63
15. Good Shepherd Parish MCC.....	Chicago, IL	613.58
16. MCC Portland.....	Portland, OR	478.18
17. MCC San Antonio.....	San Antonio, TX	448.66
18. New Covenant MCC.....	Anaheim, CA	442.24
19. MCC Detroit.....	Detroit, MI	425.20
20. MCC New York.....	New York, NY	424.80

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1. MCC Brooklyn.....	Brooklyn, NY	22.63
2. Whitewater Valley MCC.....	Richmond, IN	22.20
3. MCC San Jose.....	San Jose, CA	21.79
4. MCC Richmond.....	Richmond, VA	19.77
5. MCC of the Redwoods.....	Mill Valley, CA	19.70
6. MCC Midland/Odessa.....	Midland, TX	19.58
7. Trinity MCC.....	New York, NY	19.43
8. MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	19.04
9. New Covenant MCC.....	Anaheim, CA	18.66
10. Oasis MCC.....	Tempe, AZ	17.43
11. MCC Baton Rouge.....	Baton Rouge, LA	16.95
12. MCC of No Virginia.....	Lorton, VA	16.76
13. Christ the Liberator MCC.....	Princeton, NJ	16.61
14. MCC Baltimore.....	Baltimore, MD	16.47
15. MCC Washington DC.....	Washington, DC	16.45
16. Good News MCC.....	Lakeland, FL	16.44
17. MCC of Greater Kansas City.....	Kansas City, MO	15.15
18. Good Samaritan MCC.....	Whittier, CA	14.87
19. MCC Key West.....	Key West, FL	14.75
20. MCC of the Harvest.....	Bakersfield, CA	14.46

PRAYERS

Jim Hensley, lay-pastor of Immanuel MCC, Wilmington, Delaware and a student cleric from Philadelphia MCC, was elected to his third term on the board of directors of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Delaware. Congratulations!

Prayers for the family and friends of Dean Sandmire, who died the end of January of Aids. Dean is the son of Rev. James Sandmire, pastor of Golden Gate MCC in San Francisco.

Prayers for the family and friends of Eileen Axberg who passed away on Jan. 26th. Please keep in prayer her partner Mary Richards who is a member of MCC Seattle.

Prayers for the upcoming General Council Meeting 17-23 March 1987 in Los Angeles.

GENERAL CONFERENCE XIII

REMEMBER, General Conference, XIII is going to be held in Miami Beach, Florida, July 19-26, 1987. Come join your brothers and sisters at the beautiful Deauville Hotel this summer for an exciting experience of worship, business and just plain fun. The Deauville is a RESORT HOTEL located right on the beach and we are planning lots of extra events for non-delegates this year, including their own reception. Remember to register early and save money, deadline for early registration is April 1st. Also, send in your applications for a booth or table in the Country Store. Please return your music applications to Ken Caton, our Music Director, as soon as possible so he can complete his schedule. An exciting joint day of celebration is planned with our friends from DIGNITY, come and share!

PURPLE STAGES

The Gay and Lesbian Theatre Alliance in Los Angeles (GALTA) announces the performing arts event of the year, PURPLE STAGES: A Celebration of Gay and Lesbian Culture to be held in September, 1987. Over ten full length productions will be staged throughout Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Long Beach and other locales in Southern California. In addition, there will be special events, one-person shows, staged readings, workshops, seminars and receptions throughout the month. For more information about Purple Stages contact, GALTA, attn: Bill Kaiser, Secretary, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite 109, West Hollywood, CA 90046. The GALTA office number is (213) 661-1982 and the GALTA Theatre/Event Listing hotline is (213) 250-1413.

LESBIAN/GAY FILM FESTIVAL

FRAMELINE is now accepting entries for the 11th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, June 19-28, 1987. Held each year during San Francisco's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Celebration, the Festival brings together the best in feature, documentary and short films and video works by and about lesbians and gay men. The 1987 Festival will be held at the Castro Theater, Roxie Cinema and Video Free America presenting the best in recent lesbian and gay film and video production. Awards will be presented in several categories: Best Feature Film, Best Short Film, Best Video, Best Documentary, Best Super-8 as well as an Audience Award for best film or video in the Festival. Formats accepted are 35mm, 16mm, super-8, 3/4" and 1/2" VHS NTSC video cassettes. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, April 15, 1987. For more information and entry forms contact: FRAMELINE, P.O. Box 14792, San Francisco, CA 94114 or call 415/861-5245.

AIDS MINISTRIES IN DELAWARE

Immanuel MCC in Wilmington, Delaware has begun a food bank to assist persons with aids in obtaining groceries. Several "buddies" had expressed a need for financial assistance to provide simple-to-prepare meals for their person with aids. The congregation immediately saw the need and responded by giving \$100 to stock shelves in the worship/activity center with these food items. The congregation has asked other Delaware lesbian and gay groups to take food offerings and bring them to the church center. In March 1985, Immanuel MCC, then only six months old, began the first aids fund in Delaware to assist persons with aids, arc, their lovers and families with non-medical expenses. In mid-1986, the Delaware Lesbian and Gay Health Advocates organized an aids fund that was more comprehensive and Immanuel turned over its holdings to that group and pursued other aids ministries in Delaware.

FRUIT OF THE VINE

A "Fruit of the Vine" suggestion from Rev. Jeff Pulling: Because of the high incidence of alcohol abuse among gay and lesbian people, many local MCC's have wrestled for years as to what to use for Holy Communion: wine, grape juice, or both. Another alternative is now available. A no-alcohol red wine (with the alcohol taken out) from France is now sold in supermarkets. Not recommended is the "sparkling" red wine made in the USA.

WRITERS & STORYTELLERS WANTED

George Hiemstra, who lives in rural British Columbia, would like to network with other Gay Christians who have interest, ability, and gifts in writing and in storytelling. Please write to: G. Hiemstra, RRL, Malakwa, BC V0E 2T0, CANADA.

"BLACKOUT" RECEIVES GRANT

In Washington, DC, the Chicago Resource Center, an Illinois based foundation, has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays to support the publication of BLACKOUT, its quarterly magazine. BLACKOUT is edited by Joseph Beam, editor of IN THE LIFE: A Black Gay Anthology, and NCBLG board member. The first two issues of BLACKOUT have featured the work of Audre Lorde, Essex Hemphill, Cheryl Clark, James Charles Roberts, Kate Rushin, Craig G. Harris, Anita Cornwell, and other noted writers from the Black Lesbian/Gay community. Subscriptions to BLACKOUT are available at a cost of \$10.00 per year from the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, P.O. Box 2490, Washington, DC 20013.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR WANTED

Good Shepherd Parish MCC of Chicago, Illinois, a growing 135 member church seeks lay or clergy as a Programming Director to help expand the ministry in the gay and lesbian community, as well as the larger Chicago community. Responsibilities include assisting the pastor in adult Christian education, small group ministry, relational evangelism, ad preparation and church marketing. Initially half-time; growth to full-time possible. Interested persons can request an application packet from: Search Team, Good Shepherd Parish MCC, 615 W. Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL 606-5305.

NATIONAL AIDS MEMORIAL

A group of Northern California community activists have launched an ambitious effort to memorialize the thousands of Americans who have been killed by the epidemic of AIDS. Calling themselves The NAMES Project, the group is creating a memorial composed entirely of thousands of individual fabric panels, each bearing the name of a single person lost to AIDS. Designed and constructed in homes across America by the friends, lovers and families of people who died of AIDS, the panels will be assembled into one massive expanse of names and displayed across the Capitol Mall in Washington DC on Sunday, October 11, 1987, the day of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Those wishing to participate in the project are encouraged to design and create fabric panels, 3 feet by 6 feet in size. Any durable, light-weight material may be used and maximum creative expression is urged in composition. Organizers suggest that businesses, churches and other community groups sponsor construction of panels commemorating their members or employees who have died of Aids. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to: The NAMES Project, P.O. Box 14573, San Francisco, CA 94114. For more information, write to the above address or telephone the project at 415/626-5725.

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2. MCC of the Resurrection.....	Houston, TX	2,132.25
3. MCC Dallas.....	Dallas, TX	2,103.89
4. All God's Children MCC.....	Minneapolis, MN	1,559.76
5. MCC in the Valley.....	N Hollywood, CA	1,389.28
6. MCC Los Angeles.....	Los Angeles, CA	1,372.17
7. Church of Holy Spirit MCC.....	Ft Lauderdale, FL	1,263.17
8. King of Peace MCC.....	St Petersburg, FL	1,028.90
9. MCC Washington DC.....	Washington, DC	1,010.98
10. MCC San Francisco.....	San Francisco, CA	919.80
11. St. Luke's MCC.....	Jacksonville, FL	858.00
12. Agape MCC of Ft Worth.....	Ft Worth, TX	730.79
13. MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	698.59
14. MCC New Haven.....	New Haven, CT	657.64
15. MCC of Greater St Louis.....	St Louis, MO	620.04
16. MCC Portland.....	Portland, OR	612.77
17. MCC New York.....	New York, NY	579.68
18. MCC of the Pomona Valley.....	Ontario, CA	571.31
19. MCC San Antonio.....	San Antonio, TX	505.78
20. MCC Detroit.....	Detroit, MI	502.74

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1. Harlem MCC.....	New York, NY	96.00
2. Sojourner MCC.....	Hazel Park, MI	54.00
3. MCC of the Spirit.....	Harrisburg, PA	35.42
4. MCC Long Beach.....	Long Beach, CA	31.81
5. MCC New Haven.....	New Haven, CT	27.87
6. MCC Ottawa.....	Ontario, CANADA	26.20
7. Open Arms MCC.....	Rochester, NY	25.59
8. MCC Edmonton.....	Alberta, CANADA	21.29
9. MCC of Acadiana.....	Lafayette, LA	21.27
10. Maranatha MCC.....	Hayward, CA	20.54
11. MCC Topeka.....	Topeka, KS	20.19
12. Trinity MCC.....	New York, NY	19.61
13. MCC Brooklyn.....	Brooklyn, NY	19.11
14. Oasis MCC.....	Phoenix, AZ	18.37
15. MCC San Jose.....	San Jose, CA	17.94
16. MCC of Northern Virginia.....	Oakton, VA	17.70
17. MCC Rockville.....	Rockville, MD	17.07
18. Whitewater Valley MCC.....	Richmond, IN	16.43
19. Sweet Spirit MCC.....	Salem, OR	16.12
20. MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	15.95

REMINDER FROM CHURCH SERVICES

Books and Resources available:

Arthur, Robert Rev. - Homosexuality & The Conservative Christian	2.50
Broadman Finance Record Book for Small Churches	7.50
McNeil, John - The Church & The Homosexual	10.50
Uhrig, Lawrence Rev. - Sex Positive	6.00

*These prices supercede previously announced prices.

To place your order simply write or call, UFMCC Offices --
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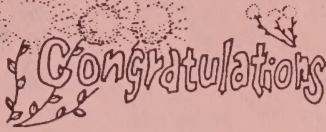
REMINDER: All Church Orders MUST have two signatures!

NGLTF QUESTIONNAIRE

Enclosed with this months KIT and SOTER is a questionnaire from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force which we would like to encourage you to fill out and return to NGLTF with a copy also being sent to the UFMCC offices. This questionnaire will help NGLTF in compiling an annual report on anti-gay/lesbian violence and victimization. With your help this report will help NGLTF's efforts to keep attention focused on this problem and to promote Congressional action. Please take a few minutes and fill out this very important document; your help is needed.

FREE SPIRIT MCC @ C.I.W. an update

The church located at the women's facility in Chino, CA is continuing to flourish. Rev. Halford recently officiated an infant Baptism for one of the members @ Free Spirit. While, it took a lot of perseverance and almost "an act of congress," the Baptism did in fact, take place. The institution had to make special arrangements for the service to occur, and it was as though this had never happened before. Another first, perhaps a precedence for future work there. New doors continue to open. Rev. Halford has been invited in for a monthly meeting of the Prison Chaplains. The Administration looks very favorably on the ministry of UFMCC @ CIW. Please continue with prayers for this work.



REV. ELDER NANCY WILSON RECEIVES AWARD

The Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson will be one of the receivers of the Community Service Award from the Southern California Women for Understanding for her pioneering efforts in the lesbian community. Nancy has given much of her time and energy in the work of the Women's Prison Ministry and striving to tear down the walls of injustice for lesbians caught up in a vicious cycle of oppression.

The Awards Banquet will be held at the Sheraton-Universal Hotel in Universal City, March 7, 1987. The cost is \$75.00 per individual or \$650.00 per table of 10 persons. Reservations must be made by February 15, 1987. Checks can be made payable to:

Southern California Women for Understanding
9054 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 103
West Hollywood, CA 90069

CONGRATULATIONS Nancy, keep up the good work, we love you and are very proud of you.

SPONSOR A WOMAN IN PRISON

This is a new program which can enable the women @ C.I.W. to begin working toward their religious education goals. Many of them are hungry to learn, but cannot afford the courses. This is how you can help: Have your church, or individuals in your church, sponsor a woman to begin Correspondence Courses through Samaritan Extended Studies. The cost per course is approximately \$50.00 - 60.00 each. You can correspond with the woman chosen for you or your church. Or, if you live near Chino, you may want to visit her. If you are interested in more information about this program please write to: Rev. Ro Halford

c/o UFMCC
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304
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MCC Baton Rouge has already begun sponsorship of one woman, but more are needed.

PRAISES

Praise God, the province of Ontario, Canada, now has protection against discrimination for lesbians and gay men within the Ontario Human Rights Code! The Code has jurisdiction over employment, rental accommodations and public services and contracts. The opposition was fierce but MCC Congregations in Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto and London participated in the successful campaign in support of the measure.

Praise God, Mr. Brent Neumann, a student of Theology, at Huron College (Anglican Church of Canada), and pastoral care worker at St. Joseph's Hospital, initiated a field education placement with Holy Fellowship MCC, London, Ontario for two years.

MCC Key West in Florida raised \$190,000.00 last June and bought a new building which they have been remodeling since last summer. The money that they raised was enough to buy the building outright and to do the remodeling needed and own the building debt-free. They have also had donations of a cut coral altar from the keys, and a mural to go behind the altar. The mural is handmade of 10,000 ceramic tiles that will be put on piece by piece. MCC Key West is very proud of their new building, and wants to let everyone know that God does still perform miracles. Praise God!!!

PRAYERS

Prayers for the family and friends of Mr. Scott Caris, lay delegate of Vision of Hope MCC in Lancaster, PA who died of aids. Please keep his lover, Scott Callahan in your prayers as he goes through this difficult time.

NEW ADDRESS

The new address and contact person for Costa Rica is:

ICM de Costa Rica
c/o Mario Lizano
Jumbo Jet 747
Alajuela, Costa Rica - America Central
Tel. 41-4545

REMEMBER!!!

General Conference XIII is going to be held in Miami Beach, Florida on July 19-26, 1987. Please get your registrations in early and take advantage of the lower cost. If you still have not received information on the conference please contact us at the UFMCC offices (213) 464-5100.



Stop juggling hearts-
BE MY VALENTINE!



HOSPICE LEGAL HOTLINE

No one wants to think about it, but Hospice Patients need to be sure their legal needs are met quickly, efficiently and inexpensively. The Legal Assistance to Hospice Patients Project provides those in hospice care with free short-term legal representation. If you are a hospice patient, family member or hospice care provider, there are two ways they can help. If you simply have a legal question which can be answered over the phone, a call to the hospice hotline could provide the help you need. By calling and briefly explaining your questions, a trained counselor will be able to put you in touch with a qualified attorney who will try to answer your questions over the telephone at no cost to you. If you are a hospice patient or care for one who needs legal assistance, we can arrange for an attorney to come and meet with you at no cost. Volunteer attorneys can provide hospice patients with up to five hours of non-litigation legal assistance such as drafting a will, estate planning or other probate matters. To obtain help, call the hospice hotline at (213) 622-8840 and explain your legal needs. They will then arrange a meeting with a volunteer attorney who can assist you.

ATTENTION:

ALL CANDIDATES FOR INITIAL LICENSING, RE-LICENSING AND ORDINATION....

...If you have a question, need a form or information - please leave a message on the credentialing office phone - (213) 469-7894. Your call will be returned within 24 hours. The office will be staffed on a part-time basis. Forms will be mailed out promptly.

...If you have an immediate, serious concern - you may call the Rev. Tom Jordan, courtesy of MCC St. Louis at (314) 231-9100.

...Your CRC appointment will be scheduled by your District Coordinator. Contact your District Office for more information or to schedule your appointment.

...Proficiency exam questions and concerns, or to register to take the exams must be scheduled through the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulling at (203) 521-6411.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience during this current credentialing cycle.

NATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE

The 1987 National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and the 5th National AIDS Forum will be held March 26-29, 1987, at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles. The conference will feature several tracks of discussion. One track will be exclusively devoted to AIDS, and there will be presentations each hour of the entire conference. For registration information please write or call: National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation, P.O. Box 65472, Washington, DC 20035, (202) 797-3708.

BEST OF KANSAS CITY

In the January 9, 1987 issue of the Kansas City Star Newspaper, the "Good Samaritan Project" and the "Inter-Faith Aids Vigil" were named among "The Best" events/happenings to occur in Kansas City during 1986. The column stated: "Among the 'Best of Kansas City' were: The Good Samaritan Project and the Inter-Faith Aids Vigil, for their 'courageous efforts to give dignity and care to those whom many would condemn or ignore.'" In a more extensive document entitled: The Best and Worst of K.C. 1986, prepared as a part of the "Spiritual State of the City" address, by Roger L. Coleman, January 7, 1987, the Project and Occurrence were described as follows: "The compassion of Kansas Citians was again exemplified in 1986 by the shaky but growing support for the Good Samaritan Project assisting persons with aids along with their families and loved ones. Courageous efforts to give dignity and care to those whom many would condemn or ignore makes it difficult to work without bitterness or resentment. Rev. John Barbone, pastor of the MCC, touched the sensitivities of many Kansas Citians with his 'ceremony of love' for a person dying of aids and provided community leadership at the best in helping to organize the Inter-Faith Aids Vigil which brought out support for the problem of Aids from leading area clergy and the faith community. Congratulations MCC Kansas City; we are proud to see you among the 'Best'."

STUDY ON LESBIAN BATTERING

This study, conducted by a Philadelphia sociologist, Claire Renzetti, has been endorsed by the Working Group which has served as an advisory board to the study since its inception. Victims and survivors of lesbian abuse are asked to complete a questionnaire on the violence in their relationships. The group needs your help to fulfill its goals of raising the community's consciousness about this problem and developing services for victims. To receive a copy of the questionnaire, send your name (or a pseudonym) and address to:

Dr. Claire Renzetti
5600 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131

The Working Group itself has been involved in community education, improving resources for victims and survivors, offering a support group for battered lesbians, and serves as advocates with the community to provide safe space for battered lesbians. For further information, contact Shawn Towe at Women Against Abuse (215) 686-7082; or the Battered Lesbian Support Group (215) 592-4583.



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1. MCC Dallas.....	Dallas, TX	\$2,431.07
2. MCC of the Resurrection.....	Houston, TX	1,945.13
3. All God's Children MCC.....	Minneapolis, MN	1,570.51
4. MCC in the Valley.....	N Hollywood, CA	1,391.27
5. MCC of the Pomona Valley.....	Ontario, CA	1,312.30
6. MCC Washington DC.....	Washington, DC	1,247.39
7. MCC Long Beach.....	Long Beach, CA	1,246.63
8. Church of Holy Spirit MCC.....	Ft Lauderdale, FL	1,168.63
9. St. Luke's MCC.....	Jacksonville, FL	918.85
10. MCC San Antonio.....	San Antonio, TX	857.07
11. Agape MCC Ft Worth.....	Ft Worth, TX	802.16
12. MCC San Francisco.....	San Francisco, CA	789.58
13. MCC of Greater St. Louis.....	St Louis, MO	770.75
14. MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	710.55
15. King of Peace MCC.....	St Petersburg, FL	692.98
16. River City MCC.....	Sacramento, CA	681.79
17. Good News MCC.....	Lakeland, FL	659.34
18. MCC Detroit.....	Detroit, MI	614.28
19. MCC Portland.....	Portland, OR	589.56
20. MCC New York.....	New York, NY	545.07

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1. Good News MCC.....	Lakeland, FL	61.05
2. Trinity MCC.....	New York, NY	51.97
3. MCC of the Pomona Valley.....	Ontario, CA	29.23
4. MCC Richmond.....	Richmond, VA	28.23
5. Diablo Valley MCC.....	Concord, CA	25.46
6. MCC Edmonton.....	Alberta, CANADA	25.29
7. MCC of Acadiana.....	Lafayette, LA	24.38
8. Oasis MCC.....	Phoenix, AZ	22.38
9. MCC of the Harvest.....	Bakersfield, CA	21.37
10. MCC San Jose.....	San Jose, CA	18.24
11. MCC Hawaii.....	Honolulu, HI	17.33
12. MCC Ottawa.....	Ontario, CANADA	17.04
13. MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	16.15
14. MCC San Antonio.....	San Antonio, TX	16.08
15. MCC Baltimore.....	Baltimore, MD	15.98
16. MCC of the Spirit.....	Harrisburg, PA	15.28
17. Key West MCC.....	Key West, FL	15.26
18. All Faiths MCC.....	San Diego, CA	14.96
19. Good Samaritan MCC.....	Whittier, CA	14.91
20. MCC of the Palms.....	Ft Myers, FL	14.78

FFO FALL REPORT

The FFO (Faith Fellowship and Order) Commission convened in Dallas, Texas August 12-17, 1986. Twenty-five representatives from throughout our worldwide MCC Fellowship gathered for a spirit-filled meeting of sharing, worshiping, networking, and doing theology together. Highlights of the meeting were reports from districts, assessment of the workshops, "What Is Spirituality?" and "Vocabularies of Sexuality", and training in the Lenten Study Series on Aids. All workshop materials are now available in each District. Please contact your FFO representative. Election of a Steering Committee concluded the meeting. Co-Chairs elect are the Reverend Clarence Crossman, London, Ontario and the Reverend Janet Pierce, Nashville, Tennessee. Other Steering Committee members are: Chair, the Reverend Jennie Boyd-Bull, Baltimore, Maryland; Erik Browning, Portsmouth, Virginia; and Communication Coordinator, Sylvia Hodgins, Dallas, Texas.

CCCC SURVEY REMINDER

Clergy and lay leaders who have not yet returned the CCCC questionnaire on ordination/licensure requirements and process are urged to do so. An additional copy of the survey may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope (business size) to: Jeffrey Pulling, Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107.

LENTEN SERIES SENT TO EACH CHURCH

RESURRECTION POSSIBILITIES: Claiming New Life in the Experience of Grief, Loss, and Death
This is the 1987 Lenten Study/Dialogue Series developed by FFO member Rev. Bob Hogg for use in local MCC's. One free copy is being sent to every church from the Fellowship offices. Additional copies may be ordered for \$5 US from Samaritan Extended Studies, Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107.

INCOME TAX BOOK FOR MINISTERS

Worth Tax Service has developed a unique service and has enjoyed being able to prepare tax returns by mail or in person for ministers from all over the world. Their book, "Income Tax Law For Ministers and Religious Workers" is available for the low price of \$4.95 from Worth Tax Service, 502 S. Buffalo, Box 725, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. The \$4.95 price will be discounted 40% for quantity orders.

PRAISES

Praise God! The Mid-Atlantic District has designated \$1137.58 to World Church Extension for the work in Nigeria. Thank you for such a generous gift of love.

PRAYERS

Prayers for Rev. Bonnie Daniel and her family as her Mother passed away on December 8, 1986 in Las Vegas, Nevada of cancer.

Prayers for the Family and Friends of Bob Cambell, a long time member of the Fellowship, who died on Jan. 2nd. Bob first joined MCC Los Angeles within a year of its founding.

Prayers for all of our Churches and families everywhere as we begin a new year. Prayers for growth, strength and abundance for all of us.

COMPILATION OF FFO RESOURCES

The FFO Notebook is a 200-page compilation of Faith, Fellowship and Order materials and resources, including Introducing FFO, Purpose of FFO, History of FFO, Structure of FFO, Workshops Toward a Christian Theology of Sexuality, Ecumenical Resources, Aids Resources, Working Papers, and Additional Resources. Copies of this notebook are available from Samaritan Extended Studies, Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107 for \$30 US. Orders must be prepaid.

SAFE SEX SYMBOL

(from GOOD NEWS, Newsletter of Trinity Metropolitan Community Church, New York)

Healthy sexual practices are a serious topic of discussion for the gay community. To be honest, some of us, even MCC'ers, have become downright resistant to safe sex guidelines. We must begin to promote healthier sex and affirm that sex can still be pleasurable and exciting. We have a responsibility to protect one another while enjoying our sexuality. There are many pleasures available to us as sexual beings; Aids should not deter us, as long as we "play it safe." If there were a symbol for healthy sex, you could turn to a person wearing it and ask what those pleasures are for the person.

After surveying the community in New York City, the Gay Men's Health Crisis has adopted the safety pin as our symbol of safer sex. Wear it for others! Wear it for yourself! Remember that you do not have to deprive yourself of sex. Wear a safety pin to promote safer sexual practices and to say "I am concerned about your health."

CHURCH NAME CHANGE

Our Church in Copenhagen, Denmark has changed their name from Aben Kirkegruppe MCC to Markens Liljer/MCC. Their new name means: The lilies of the field.

WORLD HEALING DAY

On December 31, 1986 each individual was presented with an opportunity to participate simultaneously in a non-denominational, non-political, hour long planetary healing, held in all parts of the globe.

The healing vigil will be on-going and sustained as the citizens of the world join together for one hour on the last day of each month hereafter at noon Greenwich time (4 am Pacific time). Millions of individuals will participate in this confirmation of love, forgiveness and understanding. The idea of this vigil is to have as many people as possible at the same time all over the world, pray, think about or meditate on the harmony of all life on Earth.

HONOR ROLL

The Fellowship Offices would like to honor and give recognition to the Churches that submitted their Fellowship Tithes on or before the 10th of every month for 1986:

All God's Children MCC, Minn/St. Paul, MN
Markens Liljer MCC, DENMARK
MCC du Quebec ECM, CANADA
MCC Mt. Vernon, Mt. Vernon, WA
MCC Portland, Portland, OR

GENERAL CONFERENCE XIII

Information and registration forms for General Conference XIII will be mailed out the first week in January. If you do not receive a copy, and wish information on the conference please write or call the Fellowship Office and ask for Nancy Fackrell-Allen.

CCCC NEWS

Rev. Claudia Vierra has resigned as of 12/31/86 as the Chair of the CCCC, after 3½ years of service as chair. She will remain a member of the CCCC. Claudia and her spouse, Rev. Yolanda Allen are moving to Guerneville, CA (Russian River) to manage a resort on the river. They have plans to purchase a retreat center in that area late next year. Claudia will be on a Sabbatical next year. Ms. Donna Gordon will be staffing the CCCC at its present location and hours (Weds-Fri, 11-5). The Executive Committee of the CCCC will be meeting the second week in January to make interim plans for the administration of the CCCC. Questions regarding this can be addressed to any member of the Executive Committee, (Rev.'s Cisneros-Hunt, Martin, Gilbert or Jordan) Applications for licensure, relicensure, and ordination are due March 1st. Manuals and applications can be obtained from the CCCC office: 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., #324, Los Angeles, CA 90029, (213) 469-7894.

CORRECTION: Michael Totten-Reid, UFMCC Receptionist, wasn't here to sign our Christmas greeting, however, he still sends his love and blessings for 1987.

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2.	MCC San Diego.....	San Diego, CA	1,433.91
3.	MCC in the Valley.....	N. Hollywood, CA	1,264.02
4.	MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	1,188.42
5.	MCC Long Beach.....	Long Beach, CA	1,003.70
6.	All God's Children MCC.....	Minneapolis, MN	950.04
7.	MCC Los Angeles.....	Los Angeles, CA	947.19
8.	MCC Washington DC.....	Washington, DC	819.97
9.	Church/Holy Spirit....	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	809.38
10.	King of Peace MCC.....	St Petersburg, FL	686.95
11.	St. Luke's MCC.....	Jacksonville, FL	633.61
12.	River City MCC.....	Sacramento, CA	630.69
13.	MCC Greater St Louis.....	St. Louis, MO	604.99
14.	MCC Portland.....	Portland, OR	597.58
15.	Agape MCC of Ft Worth.....	Ft. Worth, TX	571.92
16.	MCC San Francisco.....	San Francisco, CA	485.25
17.	MCC San Antonio.....	San Antonio, TX	480.44
18.	MCC Detroit.....	Detroit, MI	444.53
19.	New Life MCC.....	Tidewater, VA	441.48
20.	Joy MCC.....	Orlando, FL	414.64

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1.	MCC Amarillo.....	Amarillo, TX	41.04
2.	MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	33.10
3.	MCC of the Redwoods.....	Mill Valley, CA	27.96
4.	MCC San Jose.....	San Jose, CA	23.82
5.	Good Samaritan MCC.....	Whittier, CA	22.22
6.	Oasis MCC.....	Phoenix, AZ	21.52
7.	MCC of the Harvest.....	Bakersfield, CA	16.64
8.	MCC in the Valley.....	N. Hollywood, CA	16.50
9.	MCC of the Ozarks.....	Fayetteville, AR	16.18
10.	MCC Richmond.....	Richmond, VA	15.81
11.	MCC Columbus.....	Columbus, OH	14.95
12.	Good News MCC.....	Lakeland, FL	14.74
13.	MCC Midland/Odessa.....	Midland, TX	14.72
14.	MCC in El Paso.....	El Paso, TX	14.56
15.	River of Life MCC.....	Richland, WA	14.52
16.	Maranatha MCC.....	Colorado Springs, CO	14.17
17.	Joy MCC.....	Orlando, FL	14.01
18.	MCC Baton Rouge.....	Baton Rouge, LA	13.98
19.	New Life MCC.....	Oakland, CA	13.40
20.	Covenant MCC.....	Birmingham, AL	13.28

PRAISES

MCC of Greater Tulsa celebrates ten years of being a Charter Church this month! In conjunction with that celebration, Pastor Rev. Alice Jones will be ordained on November 16 with Rev. Elder Troy Perry and Rev. Elder Freda Smith officiating. Praise God for them both!!

Praise God, 'Whosoever MCC of Brighton and Hove' has been born at the European North Sea District Conference where it was recognized as a New Work. Please support them with your love and prayers as they take their first steps in joining our Family of God. Rev. David Miller has been appointed their Pastor. If you wish to contact them please write to: Whosoever MCC, Flat 5, 50, Brunswick Road, Brighton East Sussex, U.K.

PRAYERS

Rev. Jo Crisco is recuperating well, after her recent cornea transplant. Please keep her in your prayers as it will be at least three months before the doctors can determine the degree of success of this operation.

EXPO 86/MCC VANCOUVER

Praise God, Expo 86 is finally over, and so is MCC Vancouver's Expo Housing Project, and the results are in. You will be amazed as to how far some of our guests have travelled - from Tokyo, Japan, Hong Kong, Bogato, Columbia and Australia. Most of our guests came from the United States, and let's not forget our Canadian guests. The ages ranged from nine to seventy-five years old and the number of guests totaled 108. The number of homes that were opened was 10. The money raised from this project was slightly more than \$4800.00 and will be given to the AIDS Vancouver Housing Project. These funds are being given in memory of Douglas G. Hammond, a member and dear friend of MCC Vancouver. We would like to thank you again our dear friends and members of MCC from around the world.

THRESHOLD OF POWER

Introducing a boxed set of three hour-long cassettes for people with AIDS and for their relatives, friends and counselors. When a person has AIDS his or her every human capacity is challenged. Examples are:

- * Grieving the losses occasioned by AIDS
- * Letting go of denial, resentment, guilt and fear
- * Working through unfinished emotional business with one's parents
- * Healing memories, relationships, and sexual regrets
- * Embracing one's mortality, one's inner wishes, and one's whole world with unconditional love.

These tapes compassionately present six half hour therapeutic programs that take the listener step by step through the issues outlined above. AIDS is a disease but having it does not mean that one is a victim with no options. It can be the threshold of power by which an unnoticed, unsought, and surprising destiny is discovered. To order these tapes please send \$34 (which includes postage and handling) to David Richo, T.O.P., Box 31207, Santa Barbara, CA 93130. Please make checks payable to David Richo.

DEALING WITH VIOLENCE: A GUIDE FOR GAY & LESBIAN PEOPLE

By the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Every day in America, gay and lesbian people are harassed, threatened, and attacked, often because of their sexual orientation. Now more than ever they--and professionals who work with gay crime victims--need information on how to deal with this growing problem. This guide offers practical information on how lesbian and gay people can empower themselves, protect themselves and get help when violence happens. It also provides information on coping with the emotional aftermath of violence, dealing with criminal justice and victim service agencies, handling police abuse, and organizing against violence. For a copy of this guide please send \$3.50 (which includes postage and handling) to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1517 U St., NW, Washington DC 20009.

THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE

The Third Bi-annual Third World Ministries Conference was held in Los Angeles, CA on November 21-23, 1986 and was an amazing success. The Department is in Transition with the resignation of Executive Director, Rev. Yolanda Allen. We are in process of structural growth, the development of the Commission on Missiology

and more developed connectedness with other UFMCC Programs and Commissions. As we develop detailed programming we are energetically seeking program resources.

The Holy Spirit moved mightily as the representatives of seven U.S. Districts (Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-Central, Northeast, Northwest, South-Central, and Southwest) and the Hispanic Americas Extension Area convened to address issues facing People of Color within UFMCC. A wide variety of workshops were offered that ranged from Pastoral Care and Aids to stretching the theological viewpoints of People of Color. The business meeting proved exciting and constructive, as the body voted to make missiology, education/communication (of aids and other third world issues through newsletter, workshops, and Samaritan courses) and Fundraising as the 3 key priorities of the Department of Third World Ministries.

The Theme of this year's Conference was "Fear Not, Only Believe: Embracing Life and Healing". The keynote speaker was the dynamic Rev. Carl Bean who energized the conference with his powerful message to reach out to People with Aids in the Third World Communities.

The 1988 Conference plans have begun and will be held in the great, Great Lake District.

Look forward to publication of "The Drum" (Newsletter for the Department of TWM) for more information about the Department. We expect the next issue will be distributed in Jan. 1987.

Pray with us as we develop this exciting and affirming ministry for all of us and as we seek to fill the position of Executive Director.

JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Moderate meetings, Executive Commission and TWM Conference.
2. Assure implementation of Departments and Conference directives.
3. Serve as liaison with UFMCC Administrative bodies (i.e. Board of Elders, General Council and General Conference).
4. Administrate Dept. Programs and Ministry.
5. Represent TWM at Programmers meetings.
6. Develop and monitor Dept. budget.
7. Other responsibilities as may be developed.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Person of Color, and member in good standing of UFMCC.
2. Experience in program development, administration and evaluation.
3. Prior experience with and involvement in projects about Third World issues preferred.
4. Be available to travel.

This position will be filled during General Conference XIII, July 1987. Resumes must be in by March 1, 1987 to the Search Committee, Dept. of Third World Ministry. Forward information to UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

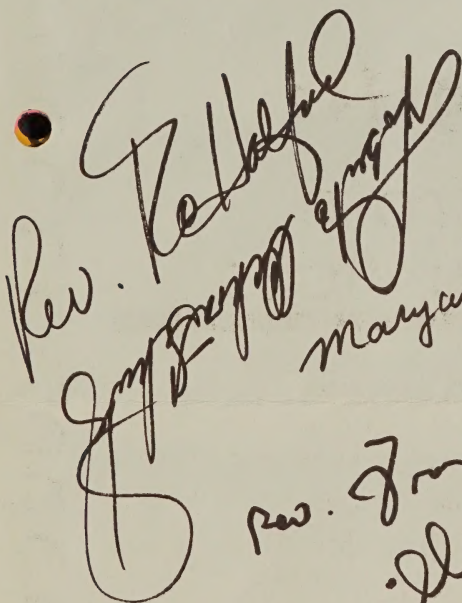
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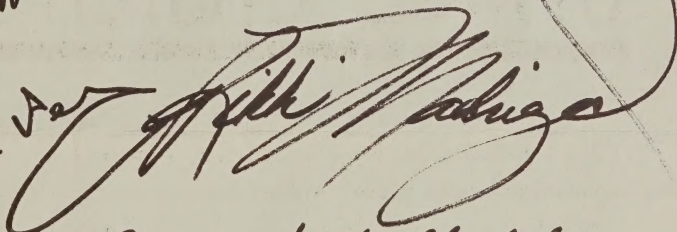
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Barry Peterson

Rev. Tom W.



Nancy Jackrell-Allen

Frank K. Zerilli

Rev. Nancy Wilson

Phillip Ray DeBlack

Rev. Ron Eastman

WHITE PEOPLE AGAINST
RACISM CONFERENCE

The long-proposed and discussed White People Against Racism Conference will be held Presidents Weekend - February 14-16, 1987 in Philadelphia. The theme of the conference will be "You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free." The conference will have many workshops and on Friday evening the annual Human Rights Award Dinner will be held by MCC Philadelphia. People wishing more information on the conference or who wish to participate in the work of WPAR may contact: Rev. Karon VanGelder, MCC of the Spirit, P.O. Box 11543, Harrisburg, PA 17108.

1987 NAT'L LESBIAN/GAY
HEALTH CONFERENCE &
5th NAT'L AIDS FORUM

The 1987 Health Conference and AIDS Forum will be held on March 26-29, 1987 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles. Sponsored by the National Lesbian & Gay Health Foundation, George Washington University Medical Center and the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, over 1,000 people are expected to register for this year's conference. Registration information is available from Greg Thomas, GWU Medical Center 2300 K Street NW, Washington DC 20037 or (202) 676-4285.

NOTE: LENTEN SERIES

A 6 week Lenten Studies Series, "Resurrection Possibilities; Claiming New Life in the Experiences of Grief, Loss and Death" will be mailed in the January mailing of Keeping In Touch.

CHRISTMAS gifts

available from

UFMCC Church Services

	UFMCC	REGULAR PRICE
The Inclusive Language Lectionary - Series A	\$ 9.85	\$10.95
Minister's Tax Guide - 1986	4.75	4.95
The Church and the Homosexual - John McNeill	10.50	11.95
Homosexuality and the Conservative Christian	1.25	---
Rev. Bob Arthur		
Sex Positive - Rev. Larry Uhrig	6.00	6.95
JOURNEY Magazine (Quarterly UFMCC Magazine)	8.00	(U.S. Canada, Mexico)
<u>ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION</u>	12.00	(All Other Countries)

(Postage included)

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PRaises

MCC of Adelaide would like to thank all of you who shared with them in prayer and fasting on September 29th when Rev. Harry de Jong underwent surgery at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Praise God that he is well and in fact so well that he was discharged to return home on October 4th. Rev. Harry continues to recuperate and will be on sick leave for the month of October. Your continued prayers are asked for and appreciated. Truly our God is a great & marvelous God. Hallelujah!

PRAYERS

Prayers for all our family who have aids, or who have lost a loved one to aids.

Prayers for Jim Hensley, lay pastor of Emanuelle MCC, Delaware, whose father died unexpectedly on Oct. 28, 1986.

Prayers for Rev. Arthur Runyan, MCC Richmond, whose father died on Oct. 21, 1986.

Please remember to go and VOTE on November 4th, as your vote does count and is desperately needed. For those of you who are residing in California, remember to VOTE NO ON PROP. 64! Our family with aids needs your support on this one.

REV. JAY DEACON APPOINTED TO OFFICE OF LESBIAN & GAY CONCERNS

Rev. Jay Deacon, an ordained Unitarian Universalist Minister, has recently been appointed to the Unitarian Universalist Association's office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns as Director in Boston, MA. Jay works to create a better understanding of and equality for lesbian, gay and bisexual persons internally and externally. According to the Unitarians by-laws, the purpose of the Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns is to affirm, defend and promote the supreme worth of every human person. Rev. Jay Deacon received his Doctorate in Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Jay has formerly worked in the Metropolitan Community Church in Hartford, CT and Chicago, IL, serving the lesbian and gay communities.

"aids: What Everyone Should Know"

The American College Health Association has published a very good brochure entitled, "aids: What Everyone Should Know". It includes information on what aids is, who can get it, the HTLV-III test, symptoms and risk reduction. These brochures are available by writing to ACHA at 15879 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville, MD 20855, Phone: (301) 963-1100. The cost is 40¢ each plus 5% of postage paid in advance. Bulk rates for over 100 copies are available.

1987 NAT'L LESBIAN & GAY HEALTH NEW NEWSLETTER SUPPORTS GAY COUPLES

The world's only publication specifically for gay and lesbian families premier's this December. Available only by subscription, PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples will feature articles by professionals and by couples themselves. The newsletter, will contain timely and concise news, features, media notes and interviews. The eight-page monthly newsletter will discuss issues such as buying a house together, spousal rights when your partner is in the hospital, and sex outside a primary relationship. Free contact notices are available to subscribers. Subscriptions run \$36 a year, \$66 for two years. Those who subscribe before Nov. 4th qualify for a \$6 discount. A sample issue will be available for \$3. To subscribe, or for information concerning submissions, write PARTNERS, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.

SPIRITUAL LEADER WANTED

MCC Amarillo is currently searching for a pastor for a young, maturing Commissioned Church. Our congregation consists of 38 members in a solid core group committed to the achievement of God's purposes in our community. Attendance at Sunday worship services consistently range between 25-40. We are seeking a spiritual leader who will lead us in the continuation of long-term growth and development. Please pray with us about this opening, and if God leads you to respond to this call, please contact us. Your response will be kept confidential. Please write to:

MCC Amarillo, P.O. Box 1276, Amarillo, TX 79105
(806) 372-4557.

THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE

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1.	MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$1,803.20
2.	MCC San Diego.....San Diego, CA	1,540.46
3.	Church/Holy Spirit...Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1,076.80
4.	MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA	1,006.07
5.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	969.40
6.	King of Peace MCC.....St Petersburg, FL	922.00
7.	MCC Washington DC.....Washington, DC	902.64
8.	All God's Children MCC..Minneapolis, MN	885.29
9.	MCC of the Pomona Valley...Ontario, CA	772.03
10.	MCC San Francisco.....San Francisco, CA	617.16
11.	River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA	577.34
12.	MCC of the Disciples.....Washington, DC	565.76
13.	MCC Portland.....Portland, OR	533.03
14.	St. Luke's MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	531.94
15.	MCC Greater Kansas Cty..Kansas City, MO	525.93
16.	Agape MCC of Ft Worth.....Ft Worth, TX	506.60
17.	MCC San Antonio.....San Antonio, TX	506.36
18.	MCC Detroit.....Detroit, MI	487.12
19.	MCC New York.....New York, NY	440.12
20.	MCC Seattle.....Seattle, WA	427.86

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1.	MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	\$ 20.95
2.	MCC of the Pomona Valley...Ontario, CA	19.59
3.	MCC Brooklyn.....Brooklyn, NY	19.16
4.	MCC of the Disciples.....Washington, DC	18.37
5.	MCC San Jose.....San Jose, CA	16.76
6.	MCC Providence.....Providence, RI	16.60
7.	MCC of the Redwoods.....Mill Valley, CA	16.07
8.	Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	15.31
9.	New Covenant MCC.....Anaheim, CA	14.48
10.	Oasis MCC.....Phoenix, AZ	14.22
11.	MCC Mt. Vernon.....Mt. Vernon, WA	14.18
12.	Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	14.17
13.	Good Shepherd MCC.....Riverside, CA	14.01
14.	Whitewater Valley MCC.....Richmond, IN	13.91
15.	Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO	13.74
16.	MCC Ottawa.....Ontario, CANADA	13.61
17.	MCC Washington DC..TIE..Washington, DC	13.37
17.	MCC Hartford.....TIE.....Hartford, CT	13.37
18.	Diablo Valley MCC.....Concord, CA	13.09
19.	Family of God MCC.....Billings, MT	13.02
20.	Open Arms MCC.....Rochester, NY	12.85

UPS ADDRESSES

The UFMCC Office is asking that all MCC Churches please send us a note letting us know what your UPS address is. You can use the tithe transmittal forms (D001 forms) for this. Remember: a UPS address cannot be a PO Box number. Thank you for your support.

The plans for UFMCC's 3rd International Christian Conference for Lesbian and Gay People of Color, are well under way. Exciting and informative workshops are planned and a dinner/dance with entertainment and our keynote address with Rev. Carl Bean. All workshops/panel discussion and worship services are OPEN to all people with the exception of the racial caucuses and business meetings. Some partial scholarships ARE AVAILABLE!! Registration ranges from \$75.00 to \$20.00. ALL WE NEED IS YOU! MAKE YOUR VOICE AND PRESENCE HEARD; Join us November 21-23 at the Ambassador Hotel, in mid-town, Los Angeles, for this historic event. For more information contact, Roberto Ochoa-Schutz, Co-Conference Coordinator or Rev. Loni Allen at (213) 464-5100 or (213) 668-1766. (PLEASE ANNOUNCE)!

COMMISSION ON MISSIOLOGY MEETS!

The Department of Third World Ministries, Commission on Missiology (C.O.M.) will be meeting November 19, prior to the Third World Conference, November 21-23. This is the COM's first meeting and we will begin to explore and develop together our theology of missions or of outreach. This is critical work beginning as we experience the rise of people of color as a majority population in major USA cities, and as new churches emerge in Third World Countries around the world. Please contact your district TWM Task Force Chair or Representative for input or more information, or call Rev. Delores Berry at (301) 362-8431. (PLEASE ANNOUNCE)!

GENERAL COUNCIL III HIGHLIGHTS

-- Charters were approved for: MCC BUFFALO, NEW YORK and MCC CHRIST THE LIBERATOR, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

-- The Corporate & Legal Division made major progress in giving approval to the majority of District SOP's. The rest should be compiled soon.

-- The Program & Budget Division started the process to develop the UFMCC budget for 1988-89. Meetings were held with all the program heads.

-- General Conference 1989 - The General Council has selected St. Paul, Minneapolis as the site for General Conference '89.

-- General Conference 1987 - Mr. Ken Caton has been selected as "Director of Music" for General Conference '87. Ken is on staff in MCC San Diego, and is the Music Coordinator for the Southwest District. Ken has also previously served as the Music Director for the Conferences held by the United Methodist Church and Apostolic Faith Church. CONGRATULATIONS KEN!!!

-- Registration forms for General Conference '87, in Miami Beach will be sent to all UFMCC Churches in December 1986!

-- The minutes of General Council III meetings will be distributed by January 1987.

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1.	MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$2,471.58
2.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	1,203.13
3.	MCC Washington DC.....Washington, DC	1,133.71
4.	MCC in the Valley.....N Hollywood, CA	1,108.66
5.	Church/Holy Spirit...Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1,099.30
6.	All God's Children MCC..Minneapolis, MN	1,051.29
7.	Mid-Cities MCC.....Arlington, TX	985.34
8.	MCC Greater St. Louis....St. Louis, MO	922.32
9.	MCC Greater Kansas Cty..Kansas City, MO	921.76
10.	MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA	848.40
11.	MCC San Francisco.....San Francisco, CA	772.87
12.	MCC of the Disciples....Washington, DC	685.77
13.	Agape MCC of Ft Worth....Ft. Worth, TX	665.90
14.	MCC of the Pomona Valley...Ontario, CA	663.87
15.	River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA	662.32
16.	King of Peace MCC.....St Petersburg, FL	609.60
17.	St. Luke's MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	589.20
18.	MCC Tampa.....Tampa, FL	584.44
19.	Good Shepherd Parish MCC....Chicago, IL	571.27
20.	MCC Portland.....Portland, OR	546.93

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TOP 20 PER CAPITA

(Received by September 10, 1986)

1.	Mid-Cities MCC.....Arlington, TX	\$ 28.81
2.	MCC of the Redwoods.....Mill Valley, CA	24.86
3.	Good Samaritan MCC.....Whittier, CA	22.65
4.	MCC of the Disciples....Washington, DC	20.05
5.	Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO	19.10
6.	New Life MCC.....Charlotte, NC	17.44
7.	Ray of Hope MCC.....Syracuse, NY	17.01
8.	MCC Washington DC.....Washington, DC	16.72
9.	MCC Providence.....Providence, RI	16.40
10.	MCC San Jose.....San Jose, CA	16.29
11.	Reconciliation MCC....Grand Rapids, MI	16.26
12.	MCC Springfield.....Springfield, MA	15.51
13.	MCC of the Pomona Valley...Ontario, CA	15.51
14.	MCC Brooklyn.....Brooklyn, NY	15.01
15.	Christ Chapel MCC.....Santa Ana, CA	15.00
16.	MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	14.94
17.	MCC Calgary.....Alberta, CANADA	14.92
18.	MCC San Francisco.....San Francisco, CA	14.33
19.	New Covenant MCC.....Garden Grove, CA	14.23
20.	MCC Midland/Odessa.....Midland, TX	14.17

APPLICATIONS WANTED

General Conference 87 Worship & Music Director

The XIII UFMCC General Conference will be held at Miami Beach, Florida on July 19-26, 1987. Applications are requested for the challenging and fulfilling position of Conference Worship and Music Director. For further information please contact Mr. Ravi Verma at Fellowship headquarters.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Check out site in Miami Beach
- Arrange for Equipment rental (sound, instruments lights etc)
- Worship area requirement (decor, furniture, etc)
- Set up process for selecting musicians/singers, organist and pianist.
- Finalize arrangements with conference preachers.
- Work with Board of Elders to organize worship services.
- Preparation of bulletins, worship supplies.
- Organize Conference Choir.
- Insure that UFMCC guidelines for Inclusive Language are fulfilled.
- Work with translation staff.
- Work within budget.
- Work effectively with other staff, Organist, Pianist, Conference Coordinator, Director of Administration and Board of Elders.
- On site management.

Interested applicants should send:

- 1) Resume (including MCC experience)
- 2) 3 letters of reference

To: UFMCC General Conference 87
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304
Los Angeles, CA 90029

DATE APPLICATIONS DUE: OCTOBER 15, 1986

CCCC HIGHLIGHTS:

- New office hours: Weds-Fri from 11 am-5 pm
(213) 469-7894
- New Address for Rev. Brenda Cisneros Hunt who will begin pastoring MCC Baton Rouge:
P.O. Box 64996
Baton Rouge, LA 70896-4996
(504) 387-4543

PRAYERS

NEW BUILDING FOR REDEEMER MCC OF FLINT, MICHIGAN

Praise God, the family of Redeemer MCC of Flint, Michigan is proud to announce that they have purchased their own church building. They shared a little history with us about how the congregation kept rejecting each of the buildings they would present to them until the one day when they found a building that was within a few blocks of where many of the people of the church live. The building was a foreclosure sale from the bank and was worth \$100,000.00, the bank was asking for \$60,000.00 and their bid was for \$40,000.00 and it was accepted. The closing usually takes 90 to 180 days and they closed out the papers within thirty days. God's hand truly was in this decision. They ask that you pray with them as they remodel that God will continue to be their source of love.

PRaises

Praise God, Mom Perry just celebrated her 70th birthday on September 11th. Happy birthday and best wishes from all.

Fresno, CA: The Evangelical Women's Caucus passed a resolution supporting gay civil rights. The resolution reads: "Whereas homosexual people are children of God and because of the biblical mandate of Jesus Christ that we are all created equal in God's sight, EWCI takes a firm stand in favor of civil rights protection for homosexual persons." Hallelujah!

CLERGY CONFERENCE 1986

The site for CLERGY CONFERENCE 1986 was ideal! It allowed for time to get in touch with God and nature. It allowed for a very peaceful place to be with one another in fellowship or to be alone, if that was the need. The Worship Services were very informal and allowed for the diversification within our denomination.

Many left conference, first, with a sense of not wanting it to end, and secondly, feeling full, tired and exhilarated at the same time. Clergy were sharing themselves and their journeys in very intimate ways. There was a wonderful sense of trust that made it okay to do 'self-disclosures' with one another. Mostly there was a real sense of peace as Clergy shared their pain and joy with one another. Music, through song, told the story of Clergy Conference 1986. Praise God!

Keep in your prayers the General Council as they will be meeting from October 19-25th in Los Angeles.

LOBBYING EFFORT BY MINORITY AIDS WORKERS BRINGS ACTION

In Washington, D.C., Gil Gerald, lobbyist for the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), announced that lobbying efforts undertaken earlier in June of this year by members of NMAC succeeded in getting congressional lawmakers to address the issue of AIDS among racial and ethnic minorities. Gerald indicated that the language in the federal budget includes a section which reads: "Blacks and Hispanics represent 39 percent of 22,173 cases of AIDS reported in the U.S. as of June 1986. Because these minority groups are at high risk for developing AIDS, the Committee believes that with the assistance of appropriate minority organizations, the Public Health Service should implement activities to address the AIDS education, research, and service needs of Blacks and Hispanics in all appropriate metropolitan areas. Educational campaigns regarding AIDS and HTLV-III/LAV should provide culturally sensitive and meaningful information to high risk minorities." NMAC would have preferred stronger language allocating specific dollar amounts for AIDS services being targeted at minorities in the areas of AIDS research, prevention, and treatment. For more information on NMAC contact Rev. Carl Bean (213) 936-4949 or Gil Gerald (202) 737-5276.

FREE SPIRIT MCC @ C.I.W. UPDATE

The spirit of worship attendees remains high, and the Church is still on the move within the walls of prison. The overcrowdedness is extremely high and we continue to deal with very volatile conditions because of it.

Rev. Ro Halford, Pastor of Free Spirit MCC, has been going in on Sundays for pastoral counseling, visitation and one-to-one contact.

Rev. Halford has told us that as she walks the 'yard' there's a sense of being watched and observed. There remains a sense of reservation on the part of the inmates who have either given up their religious involvement, or have succumbed to the more conservative religious authorities "inside". It is an awesome experience walking freely about within the confines of the prison -- a humbling experience. There is a sense of comradeship as some of the inmates walk with her around the facility. There is a sense of pride--even liberation. PRAISE GOD for the small steps we take!!

HISPANIC AMERICAS CONFERENCE

ALABANZAS A DIOS!! There was a fiesta of a time in Mexico City from 12, 13, and 14 of September 1986, as ICM Reconciliation (Ciudad de Mexico's new name) hosted the Fifth Annual Hispanic Americas Ministry Conference in their new building. Delegates and observers from Costa Rica, Mexico, New York, Texas, Pennsylvania, and California attended the conference, which proved to be an excitingly spirit filled and visionary event.

The new building in Mexico City, purchased in full, was made possible due to the special "UFMCC - Mexico City Building Fund" from monies collected last year throughout the Fellowship for such a purpose. Rev. Elder Freda Smith of the Board of Elders was on hand to dedicate and bless the new facility.

Una gracias especial (a special thank you) to all of you in the Fellowship from Mexico City for making this dream and vision come true. (Remember Rev. Elder Troy Perry's sermon at the closing worship service at General Conference XII in Sacramento, about Mexico!!)

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

-- The worship services were wonderful, uplifting, and joyous with Rev. Vilma Torres (NY), Rev. Crispin Mata (Cuernavaca), Sr. Roberto Ochoa-Schutz (Los Angeles), and Rev. Horacio Flores (Mexico City) preaching. The first evening worship service was dedicated to the victims of catastrophies that occurred in Colombia, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and for people with AIDS.

-- Two Mexican student clergies were installed: Sr. Tomas Garcia (Guadalajara) officiated by Rev. Joseph Gilbert (Philadelphia) and Srta. Ana Maria Ferias (Mexico City) officiated by Rev. Elder Freda Smith. Felicidades/Congratulations!

-- The first CRC ever held in Mexico and chaired by Rev. Joseph Gilbert (with Rev. Vilma Torres and Rev. Bernardo David (Nogales)), recommended relicensures for Rev. Felix Escamilla and Rev. Horacio Flores. Felicidades A Los Dos!!

-- The Ballet Folklorico of ICM Reconciliation put on a celebration of a show, with a special appearance of an African Dance Troupe that had the audience on their feet. The Finale had everyone participating and dancing on stage with confetti, balloons, and streamers!

-- The Business Meeting was productive: A Spanish Translation Committee was established to insure materials are translated correctly; A Committee was formed to review, recommend, and implement a Student Clergy Educational Process within Mexico and Latin America based on the CCCC Guidelines and Requirements for UFMCC Clergy Licensure. The Conference also endorsed EXCEL coming to Mexico City in March, 1987, sponsored by the EXCEL Teams of Los Angeles and Houston.

-- The workshops focused on AIDS in U.S. and Latin America which proved educational and gave all an opportunity to share experiences, fears, tears, and assurances of Faith!

-- Congratulations to Newly Elected Officers to H.A.M.: Roberto Ochoa-Schutz, Extension Area Secretary, Sr. Carlos Aguilar (Mexico City), Lay Rep., and Srta. Lupe Martinez (San Francisco) H.A.M. Rep to the Third World/People of Color Conference. Dr. Armando Hernandez (Mexico City) and Sr. John Doner (Mexico City) continue as H.A.M. Coordinator and Treasurer, respectively! Felicidades!!

-- And last but not least, a CARINOSO GRACIAS (loving thank you) to all in Mexico City who made our visit such a pleasant one with constant reminders made by them, "Nuestra casa es tu casa!" (our home is your home!). We will not soon forget our hosts in their brown sweaters and tan skirts/slacks, so efficient and organized; nor will we forget the cooks, who prepared such good food for us. Que Dios les bendigan a todos/ May God bless you all!

MCC SERVICE AT MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Recently the Fellowship Office received a letter from a Lay Minister of All God's Children MCC in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn. sharing with us about an MCC Service that was held at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. She and two Student Clergy (one from MCC Buffalo, NY, the other from MCC El Paso, TX) conducted and organized this MCC service for the second year in a row with a great attendance of 58 women. She also shared with us that they have bigger and better plans for next years service and perhaps having daily MCC networking meetings and Sunday morning worship service between now and next year. She shared how exciting it was to join together in Christian worship in an environment more inclined to Goddess worship, and be able to proclaim their love for God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Praise God and thank you for your wonderful letter. Know that our prayers are with you in this new ministry for you.

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2.	MCC San Diego.....San Diego,CA	1,207.91
3.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach,CA	1,010.59
4.	Church/Holy Spirit...Ft. Lauderdale,FL	870.81
5.	MCC Washington DC.....Washington,DC	831.36
6.	All God's Children MCC..Minneapolis,MN	778.50
7.	MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles,CA	756.31
8.	MCC Portland.....Portland,OR	651.16
9.	MCC San Francisco.....San Francisco,CA	633.09
10.	MCC of the Pomona Valley....Ontario,CA	604.39
11.	Agape MCC of Ft. Worth....Ft. Worth,TX	576.70
12.	MCC Greater Kansas Cty..Kansas City,MO	546.18
13.	Key West MCC.....Key West,FL	534.44
14.	MCC of the Disciples.....Washington,DC	533.00
15.	King of Peace MCC.....St Petersburg,FL	513.31
16.	St. Luke's MCC.....Jacksonville,FL	496.69
17.	River City MCC.....Sacramento,CA	466.36
18.	MCC San Antonio.....San Antonio,TX	410.50
19.	Good Shepherd Parish MCC....Chicago,IL	410.14
20.	MCC Tampa.....Tampa,FL	388.68

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1.	Good Samaritan MCC.....Whittier,CA	\$ 42.70
2.	Key West MCC.....Key West,FL	29.86
3.	Shepherd of Love MCC.....Lake Worth,FL	22.22
4.	MCC Mt. Vernon.....Mt. Vernon,WA	20.00
5.	MCC of the Disciples.....Washington,DC	19.38
6.	Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs,CO	19.36
7.	Harlem MCC.....New York,NY	18.50
8.	Oasis MCC.....Tempe,AZ	17.57
9.	MCC of Northern Virginia.....Oakton,VA	17.13
10.	Christ the Liberator MCC..Princeton,NJ	16.94
11.	MCC Ottawa ECM..Ottawa, Ontario CANADA	16.86
12.	MCC Richmond.....Richmond,VA	16.82
13.	MCC New Freedom in Christ...Houston,TX	16.47
14.	New Covenant MCC.....Garden Grove,CA	15.98
15.	MCC Portland.....Portland,OR	15.58
16.	MCC Baltimore.....Baltimore,MD	15.24
17.	MCC Washington DC.....Washington,DC	15.03
18.	Diablo Valley MCC.....Concord,CA	14.91
19.	Sojourner MCC.....Detroit,MI	14.29
20.	MCC of the Pomona Valley....Ontario,CA	14.12

"IN UNITY"

The Fellowship Office needs the following copies of "In Unity" Magazine to complete it's files in Los Angeles:

May, 1970
October, 1970
October, 1971 (Volume 2: #10)
November, 1971 (Volume 2: #11)
Spring Quarter, 1973

Also:

Volume 2: #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 (What months are on these we are not sure)
Volume 4: #5 (Sometime in the Fall of 1974)

If you can help us to find any of these back issues we would be very thankful. Please send whatever you can find to the Fellowship Office at: 5300 Santa Monica Blvd. #304, Los Angeles, CA 90029. Thanks again!

United Church COALITION For Lesbian/Gay Concerns

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. - Delegates to the Sixth National Gathering of the United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (UCCCL/GC) adopted a resolution urging the United Church of Christ to refuse to hold national meetings in states which have laws prohibiting sodomy. The resolution reads, in part, "UCCCL/GC calls upon the General Synod, the Executive Council of the UCC, all of the Boards and Instrumentalities of the UCC henceforth, to support full human freedoms for all the members of the UCC and witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by refusing to hold any national or regional meetings in those states which retain "sodomy laws."

In other business, the group developed strategies to have at least 25 churches declare themselves to be "open and affirming" of lesbian and gay persons by the next General Synod, June 1987. "Open and Affirming" UCC Churches officially welcome Lesbians and Gay men into full membership and follow the example of "More Light" Presbyterian Churches, "Reconciling Congregation" Methodist Churches, and "Reconciled in Christ" Lutheran Churches, all of which have declared themselves to be open to all persons regardless of sexual orientation.

For information on UCCL/GC or on "Open and Affirming" Churches in the UCC, write: UCCL/GC, 18 N. College St., Athens, OH 45701 or call (614) 593-7301.

PRaises

Praise God, Troy's mother is out of the hospital and is doing well. Please keep her in your prayers that she will gain more strength each day.

Praise God, Rev. Karen Ziegler, pastor of MCC of New York received her D. Min. in Parish Ministry from the Theological Seminary in New York on May 19, 1986. Keep up the good work Karen! We all love you!!

PRAYERS

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of the Rev. Carl Bivens who died in San Francisco, California on Sunday, 17 August 1986, from the effects of multiple sclerosis. Rev. Bivens is a graduate of the University of Arizona where he earned both a Bachelor of Arts in Education and a Master of Education degrees. This spring he graduated from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, with a Master of Divinity degree. He was also a Nationally Certified Interpreter for the deaf. For the last three years he has been a staff member of Golden Gate MCC of San Francisco. Carl was licensed as clergy in the Universal Fellowship at General Conference in 1985. Carl is survived by his lover Larry Lautzenheiser, his family in Tucson and his many friends and co-workers. Please keep Larry and all of Carl's family and friends in your prayers.

STAMP OUT AIDS

For just one dollar you can make a significant difference to help people with aids. Stamps, similar to Easter and Christmas seals, emblazoned with the message STAMP OUT AIDS, are being sold nationwide to raise money for aids service organizations. (One dollar buys six (6) stamps). Magnify your dollar by hundreds of thousands of concerned citizens across the country, and you can imagine how much STAMP OUT AIDS can help to improve the quality of life for people with aids. Funds from this project will be targeted specifically to programs serving people with aids. A portion of every dollar donated will go directly to an aids service organization in your local community. The balance of the proceeds will be distributed to aids service organizations across the country by the National Aids Network. Stamps may be ordered by sending one dollar for each set of six, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: STAMP OUT AIDS, P.O. Box 471, Prince Station, New York, NY 10012-9998. If paying by check, please make check payable to: "Fund for Human Dignity/STAMP OUT AIDS."

COMING SOON!!!

The Church Services Department will be offering the book "Sex Positive" by Rev. Larry Uhrig.

"Why is the church so often sex-negative? Is it possible to be both Christian and gay (or lesbian)? How can the sexual and spiritual drives within each of us be effectively united?"

"In this timely new book, Larry Uhrig - pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC Washington) and author of "The Two Of Us" - offers a bold approach to these questions. It is time, he writes, for us to create a new sexual ethic, combining a responsible and caring attitude with a sex-positive approach to life and religion. Only then can we truly achieve our full human potential."

The price breakdown for Larry's book is as follows:

1	\$6.00
2-5	5.75
6-10	5.25
10 or more	5.00

Postage included for U.S. only

5 or more copies to be shipped UPS only at these prices.

The Church Services Department has just reprinted Rev. Bob Arthur's booklet "Homosexuality and the Conservative Christian" which is now available for purchase at \$1.25 per copy. It is one of the most well written resource materials we have available on the issue of Homosexuality. You won't want to miss out on this work of Bob Arthur's. His linguistic expertise is invaluable to our denomination as we continue to explore what it means to be gay/lesbian and Christian.

Also still available is John McNeill's book, "The Church and the Homosexual". This is a limited edition reprint which includes the Vatican letter to John demanding his silence! Also a preface explaining John's position on the entire issue surrounding the church and homosexuality. Cost breakdown is:

1	\$10.50/ea
2-5	9.50/ea
6-10	8.50/ea
10 or more	8.00/ea

PRICE INCLUDES POSTAGE AND HANDLING (U.S. Only)

NEWS FROM CCCC:

- Posthumous ordination of Rev. Virgil Scott
- Retirement from active ministry of Rev. Steve Quesnel. Congratulations and best wishes.